the State Governments to accept/ implement the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission.

Improving the Traffic System in Delhi

1863. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to improve the traffic system in Delhi and other Metropolitan cities to reduce deaths on roads and move the traffic systematically;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no steps is being taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The comprehensive action plan drawn up by the Delhi Police to ensure orderly movement of traffic on the roads in Delhi envisages strict enforcement of traffic rules, creating an awareness amongst the public for observance of traffic rules and execution of appropriate engineering works (*i.e.* traffic signals, road dividers, road markings, etc.) in a phased manner. The Lt. Governor of Delhi has also recently constituted a Committee on Traffic Management Task Force (TMTF) under his Chairmanship to evolve solutions for bringing out improvement in traffic management.

The management of traffic in other metropolitan cities falls within the purview of the State Governments concerned.

Smuggling of Antiques from India

1864. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling of antiques from Indian temples and other historical places etc. to foreign countries has been going on for years together and of late, such activities have increased alarmingly;

(b) if so, the details of the prominent cases including of auction of antiques by Sotheby's persons involved and penalized; and

(c) the action Government have taken or propose to take in future to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Negotiations with insurgents in the North-East Region

1865. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals are on the anvil to enter into further negotiations with the insurgents in the North-Eastern States; and

(b) the minimum terms and conditions on the basis of which such negotiations are intended to be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Government have extended an open invitation to any group of individuals including militants to discuss their legitimate grievances, without any pre-condition.